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SUBJ: VISIT TO MADRID OF MOROCCAN PRIME MINISTER

1. PRIME MINISTER'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISER (OYARZABEL) TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT VISIT OF MOROCCAN PRIME MINISTER HAD BEEN VERY MUCH OF A LAST-MINUTE ARRANGEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN KNOWN TO VERY FEW PEOPLE. (ROVIRA HAD TOLD ME THAT VISIT HAD BEEN A TOTAL SURPRISE TO HIM AND HE IMPLIED THAT CORTINA MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN ABOUT IT MUCH IN ADVANCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S ARRIVAL.)

2. OYARZABEL SAID THAT PRIME MINISTER OSMAN HAD, IN HIS MEETINGS WITH THE PRINCE, THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER SPANISH MINISTERS, URGED SPAIN TO CONCLUDE A BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MOROCCO WHICH WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF TURNING OVER MOST OF THE SAHARA TO MOROCCO. OSMAN ARGUED THAT THE UN WOULD BE SO PLEASED TO HAVE A BILATERAL DEAL WORKED OUT BETWEEN SPAIN AND MOROCCO WHICH WOULD MAINTAIN THE PEACE IN THE AREA THAT IT WOULD ENTHUSIASTICALLY APPROVE THE AGREEMENT.

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3. OYARZABEL INDICATED THAT THE PRINCE AND THE SPANISH

GOVERNMENT HAD REMAINED FIRM THAT SPAIN WOULD NOT AGREE TO ANY BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MOROCCO. THE ONLY AGREEMENT THEY WOULD CONSIDER WOULD BE A UN-SPONSORED AGREEMENT ALONG THE LINES OF WALDHEIM'S PROPOSAL. THE SPANISH LET OSMAN KNOW THAT GOS WOULD TRY TO BE HELPFUL ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRUSTEESHIP AND IN HAVING THE REFERENDUM COME OUT IN A WAY ACCEPTABLE TO MOROCCO.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE GREEN MARCH, THE SPANISH ASKED THAT IT BE HALTED AND STRESSED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT THE MARCH WOULD BE REPELLED BY FORCE IF NECESSARY. IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION ON THIS, THE SPANISH FINALLY INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO LET THE MOROCCANS COME INTO AN APPROXIMATELY 10 KILOMETER-WIDE NO-MAN'S LAND ON THE SAHARAN SIDE OF THE FRONTIER WITH MOROCCO. IN ADDITION, GOS WOULD ACCEPT A DELEGATION OF 50 MOROCCANS TO PROCEED TO AL AAIUN. HOWEVER, ONCE THE GREEN MARCHERS HAD CROSSED INTO THE NO-MAN'S LAND AND THE DELEGATION HAD COME TO EL AAIUN, THEY WOULD ALL HAVE TO RETURN BACK INTO MOROCCO. GOS TOLD OSMAN THAT IF THE MARCHERS WENT BEYOND THE 10-KILOMETER ZONE, TH SPANISH ARMY WOULD USE ALL MEANS AT ITS DISPOSAL TO STOP THEM.

5. OYARZABEL SAID THAT OSMAN HAD RETURNED TO MOROCCO WITH THE SPANISH POSITION AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT EITHER HE OR SOME OTHER EMISSARY FROM THE KING WOULD SHORTLY RETURN.

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